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In going through our files to see what could be contributed to the Waste Paper Salvage Drive, now Critical War Material No. 1, we came upon the Honor Roll of the Ruptured and Crippled Hospital for World War I. We believe that it will be interesting reading for you fellows to see who the young fellows were in 1917.

HONOR ROLL OF THE HOSPITAL
FOR RUPTURED & CRIPPLED

Major Pierce Bailey	M.R.C.	Capt. W. F. Shields, Jr.	U.S.A.
Capt. Richard W. Bolling	M.R.C.	Lieut. Col. C.B. Starr, M.D.	B.E.F.
Capt. N. P. Breed	M.R.C.	Capt. Richmond Stephens	M.R.C.
Capt. Carl G. Burdick	M.R.C.	Lieut. F. P. Strickler, M.D.	M.R.C.
Lieut. Col. Arthur Cilley	M.R.C.	Capt. Percy Roberts	M.C.U.S.A.
Major Wm. B. Coley	M.R.C.	Lieut. Harlin Tucker	U.S.R.C.
Lieut. Wilfred L. Dennis	U.S.R.C.	Lieut. Howard Dupuy	M.C.U.S.A.
Lieut. Mary Lee Edwards	M.C.	Lieut. Earl E. VanDerwerker	U.S.A.
Lt. Col. C. F. Eikenbarry	U.S.R.C.	Major P. W. Nathan	M.C.U.S.A.
Lt. Col. A. McKenzie Forbes	B.E.F.	Col. John B. Walker	U.S.A.
Capt. C. B. Francisco	M.R.C.	Capt. Joseph P. Hoguet	M.C.U.S.A.
Capt. W. E. Gallie	B.E.F.	Lieut. Rawley F. Ward	U.S.A.
Major John C. Gerster	M.R.C.	Major B. H. Whitbeck	U.S.A.
Capt. Guy P. Grigsby	M.R.C.	Capt. Armitage Whitman	U.S.A.
Lt. Col. Geo. Hawley	M.R.C.	Lieut. W. Eugene Wolcott	U.S.A.
Capt. S. Fosdick Jones	M.R.C.	Major Robert Abbe, M.D.	M.R.C.
Lieut. Caroline Finley	MC French A.	Capt. Arthur Scrimgeour, M.D.	M.R.C.
Asst. Sur. Dan F. Luby	U.S.N.R.F.	Lieut. George Blydenburgh M.D.	U.S.N.F.
Capt. Andrew R. McAusland	M.R.C.	Lieut. Oswald Lowsley, M.D.	U.S.N.F.
Capt. J. McGregor	B.E.F.	Capt. Carlisle S. Boyd, M.D.	M.R.C.
Major P. H. Menzies	B.E.F.	Capt. E.R. Easton	M.C.U.S.A.
Capt. Orville R. Miller	M.R.C.	Capt. James J. King, M.D.	M.C.
Lieut. J. P. Morrill	M.R.C.	Capt. Edward Armstrong, M.D.	M.C.
Major Robert Hull	M.C.U.S.A.	Capt. John A. Brocks, M.D.	U.S.A.
Capt. James F. Nagle	M.R.C.	Lieut. Isidore Zadek	M.C.U.S.A.
Major Charles P. Napier	M.R.C.	Capt. F. F. Carr Harris	R.A.M.C.D.S.O.M.C.
Lt. Col. C. Peck	M.R.C.	1st Lt. Joseph F. O'Brien	M.C.
Lieut. R. I. Pirtle	M.R.C.	Capt. John J. Cotter	M.R.C.
Capt. C. E. Preston, M.D.	B.E.F.	Capt. Frank E. Adair	
Lieut. Wm. L. Sneed	M.R.C.	Lt. Col. A. Skuyler Clark	M.C.U.S.A.
Lieut. Joseph Raia	M.R.C.	Capt. Arthur Krida	M.C.U.S.A.
Capt. C. A. Reed	M.R.C.	Major David Webster	M.C.U.S.A.
Lieut. Fred C. Fowler	U.S.A.	Capt. Walter B. Jones	Ch.M.C.U.S.A.
Capt. C. H. Sanford	U.S.A.	Capt. Barclay W. Moffat	M.C.U.S.A.

We regret to report the death of Mr. Turner J. Oakley on July 17, 1944. Mr. Oakley served the hospital most faithfully as Chief Engineer for over 50 years and was retired in October 1941.

Our inquiry cards give us the following news of Alumni who are in the service and have not previously been reported.

Capt. Augustin Jones has an A.P.O. address, % Postmaster, New York, medical resident here in 1938.

Capt. Charles G. Henry, A.P.O. % Postmaster, New York, orthopaedic resident 1932-33 has been overseas for more than a year.

Capt. T. G. Englehorn, McCaw General Hospital, Walla Walla, Washington, orthopaedic resident 1930-31. Capt. Englehorn was orthopaedic surgeon with a field hospital in the South Pacific for 15 months. He is now on the orthopaedic staff at the above mentioned hospital. He reports seeing Col. Russell Patterson and Capt. Francis at Letterman General Hospital.

Cmdr. W. F. Holcomb, orthopaedic resident 1923-24, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco. We believe that Cmdr. Holcomb has been overseas for over eight months.

Major Gordon McNeer, A.P.O., % Postmaster, N.Y., surgical resident 1933.

Lt. (j.g.) Howard E. Mitchell, Fleet Postoffice, San Francisco, surgical resident 1938-39.

In answer to the question on our inquiry card, 'Please remove my name from your mailing list', Dr. Edward B. Farley, orthopaedic resident 1919, answers, "Not by any means under pains of death" and adds, "It won't interest any sane person to learn that I am caring for those who are making submarines for U.S.A. I am 57 and 4F". Dr. Farley is surgeon for the Electric Boar Company, Groton, Connecticut.

Thomas E. Cook, M.D., 1719 Pacific St., Dallas, Texas, sends us some of the highlights of his service on the Hernia and Private Service in 1924. He writes, "Helped Dr. J.J. King do Mrs. E.H.R.G....'s tonsils and Dr. Gwathmey got $100. for anesthesia. Had Ex-Governor Martin Flynn on private service and took him to the Democratic Convention and met Al Smith. Helped Bradley Coley do first fascilata herniotomy at R. & C. Dr. Bill Frieder announced to poker game that he had just seen Victor Herbert die. Dr. ..... came to see Dr. Whitman do astragolectomy and he did it backwards. Saw Dr. Hoguet do bilateral herniotomy in 11 minutes. Dr. Adams came from London to see Dr. Coley and take his fluid and Dr. Coley operated on his neck - a hot August afternoon without taking off his coat. Dr. Burdick taught me to diagnose hernia without finger in ring".

A letter has been received from Lt. Col. Norman L. Higinbotham in which he states, "Since writing, this hospital has been designated a regional hospital by the Surgeon-General and we are very proud of the achievement and the distinction". He encloses a clipping from the Austin American which reads in part, "Camp Swift Station Hospital which has won national recognition for efficiency, has been designated a regional hospital according to an announcement by Col. A.K. Brown, Commandant. Under its new rating, the hospital will now serve a large area and will perform practically all functions delegated to general hospitals . . . . . The Camp Swift hospital which was activated June 2, 1942 has won high praise from Army medical authorities for its excellence. The original construction which gave the post a large and adequate medical installation was expanded some months ago and the hospital

new provides approximately 2400 beds."

Florence deMayo, medical secretary in the Record Room, was married on July 16th to Sergeant George Somma, A.U.S. Mrs. Somma is taking a two months leave of absence to be with her husband in South Carolina.

The engagement of Miss Rose Puccio of the Accounting Department to Joseph Doria, S 1/c, USNR, was announced on July 17, 1944.

A letter has been received from Juan Ruiz, orthopaedic resident 1941-42. He writes, "I am a resident on the fracture service at the Boston City Hospital where I am going to stay for only a few months".

Mrs. Walter Mersheimer stopped at the hospital on July 21st to say hello. She had with her her very charming little daughter who is one year old. Mrs. Mersheimer was Assistant Director of Nursing in 1942 and she reports that her husband is in the South Pacific.

A letter has been received from Dr. Arthur H. VanDyke, 316 Grant Building, Atlanta, Georgia. He writes, "I first want to thank you for sending me the Record & Chronicle. It has been a source of a great deal of pleasure to read it. It carries me back to my early days and my connection with Ruptured and Crippled Hospital located at 42 Street and Lexington Avenue. It was the summer of 1894 that I had the pleasure and privilege of substituting for the Senior Assistant, Dr. John W. Wheat. When he returned, the Junior Assistant, Dr. Thompson went on his vacation. I substituted for him and when he returned Sept. 1st, Dr. Stephen T. Harris who had received the appointment on the staff had not arrived so I substituted for him until Sept. 15th. Then Dr. Virgil P. Gibney Surgeon-in-Chief, offered me a place on the staff January 1st, 1895. So on January 1st, 1895, I became a member of the Staff and served as Junior Assistant, Senior Assistant and House Surgeon. What an opportunity I had. Such great men as Dr. Virgil P. Gibney, Dr. Townson, Dr. Wm.F. Bull, Dr. Wm. B. Coley, Dr. John B. Walker and in the out-patient department Royal P. Whitman who later became Surgeon-in-Chief. The consultants were Dr. A. A. Smith, Dr. Janeway, Dr. Ripley and Dr. S. Emmet Holt., Dr. Daniel Webster on the Eye & Ear. Will I, can I, ever forget that memorable year? I am indeed proud of being an alumnus of the R. & C."

An A.P.O. address has been received from Lt. William Yankiver.

Mrs. Brehm, secretary to the Editor, is ever diligent in keeping our mailing addresses correct. When the Record & Chronicle, addressed to Capt. Bill Rhorer was returned, efforts were made to get his correct address. In reply to our inquiry, Bill writes in part as follows: "Your letter of July 12th received and the possibility of losing my 'subscription' to the Record & Chronicle prompts this immediate reply. I was on leave at the time the last edition of the R. & C. came off the press and it was erroneously forwarded to Marion, Ohio instead of Marion, Indiana. Therefore, my military address remains the same (Nautilus Hospital, Miami, Florida) and I eagerly anticipate receiving all future editions of the world's greatest newspaper (with no apologies to the Chicago Tribune)." Bill sends his regards to all the staff and hopes to be in New York in the fall for the purpose of taking Part 1 of the Orthopaedic Board Examinations.

Mr. Louis W. Noel, a member of the Board of Managers, and F. Wilson Keller, the Director, had a very pleasant trip through the Halloran General Hospital on Saturday, July 22nd, personally conducted by Lt. Col. Vansel S. Johnson, Chief of

Surgery. Col. Johnson was most generous with his time and a most gracious host, which confirms the reports of his hospitality to other members of our staff who have had the privilege of visiting this wonderfully run military hospital. Mr. Noel and Mr. Keller also visited SIASH (Staten Island Area Station Hospital) formerly Seaside and were most courteously received and entertained by Mr. Alton Pierce, former employee of Seaside Hospital who is now in the employ of the government as Superintendent of the property of SIASH.

Major Converse dripped in for a visit and attended the Monday morning conference on July 24th.

We are closing Gilmey 5 on August 1st to permit redecoration and to allow us to give the nurses their vacation. Ward 9 is being combined with Ward 2 as of the same date in order to permit vacations for nurses.

Mr. Daniel Bohleber, our storekeeper, has just received a long looked for letter from his son, Dan, from whom he had not heard since May 5th. Sgt. Bohleber was in the first wave to land on one of the Japanese held islands. He had a number of near misses when dive bombed by the Japs. Fortunately, he has come through O.K. except for a knife wound on the right forearm.

There is such a shortage of mail from you fellows recently that we will have to fall back on another less well known publication, the Readers' Digest, from which we quote as follows:

DIS-ASSEMBLY LINE

The skipper of the new tanker Fort Moultrie, reporting to his employers, Deconhill Shipping Company, of San Francisco, writes;

"This vessel has recently experienced a great amount of trouble with the smaller pumps failing to function properly. The pumps were found to be in perfect condition and no reason could be found for their failure until a pair of ladies' panties were taken from the suction pipe.

"These were undoubtedly discarded during the construction of the vessel in a moment of thoughtlessness and left lying in the tank, later finding their way into the pipeline. Other tankers built at the Swan Island shipyards have experienced similar difficulties.

"In order that all may cooperate 100 percent in the war effort and the total destruction of the Axis Powers, it is respectfully requested that the lady workers keep their pants on during working hours for the duration.

Signed: R. B. Callery, Master, S.S.Fort Moultrie"

The Editor goes tonight on his vacation and is leaving the Record & Chronicle to the tender mercies of Dr. Ramsay Spillman who will edit the August 15th and September 1st numbers.